

## ABSTRACT

**[0079]** An apparatus has a communications device associated therewith.

In another aspect of the present invention, a pallet is made from thermoformed polymeric sheets with an attached communications device. A further aspect of

5 the present invention provides a radio frequency identification device attached to an apparatus. In still another aspect of the present invention, a communications device is incorporated into one or more sheets of a pallet or other container prior to forming. Methods of making and using a thermoformed pallet and container, having a communications device, are also provided.

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